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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/700,333  
Confirmation No.: 5159  
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Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian  
Group Art Unit: 1624  
Applicants: Mark Leedeboer et al.  
For: COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF JAK AND OTHER PROTEIN KINASES

December 21, 2006  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the June 29, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. With a three-month extension of time, a reply is due December 29, 2006. Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 30 of this Reply.